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**PATENT**

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In re Application of:  
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Title: REAGENTS FOR PROTECTION OF  
PEPTIDE/PROTEINS CARBAMYLATION  
IN UREA SOLUTIONS UTILIZING  
NON-ETHYLENE-DIAMINE LIKE  
COMPOUNDS

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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated June 13, 2006 having a shortened statutory one-month period for response which expired on July 13, 2006.

Applicants herein petition for a three-month extension of time. Authorization to charge Applicants' deposit account can be found in the attached transmittal letter.

The Examiner has indicated that Applicants must elect one specific compound as to 1) amines (glycinamide); 2) mono-amino acids, or 3) any dipeptide, and a specific mM amount of said compound between 1 mM-150mM, to which a search of the invention will commence. Applicants provisionally elect, with traverse, the species, Glycine-Glycine, in an amount of 25 mM. The elected species Glycine-Glycine is readable on claims 1, 3, and 6-18. The elected amount 25 mM is readable on claims 9 and 16.

As a ground for traversal, Applicants respectfully submit that the Examiner has failed to show that there would be a "serious burden" upon the Patent and Trademark Office. In this regard, MPEP §803, second paragraph, states:

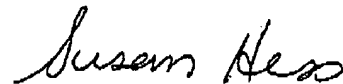
"There would be a serious burden on the examiner if restriction is not required."

It is submitted that since claims 1 and 3 recite only five specific compounds, glycinamide, histidine, 4-hydroxy proline, Glycine-Glycine, and Glycine-Histidine, and a

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dipeptide, and two of the compounds Glycine-Glycine and Glycine-Histidine are species of a dipeptide, that a search and examination of the five specific compounds and dipeptide would not impose a "serious burden" on the Examiner. In view of the above, withdrawal of the requirement for an election of species is respectfully requested. Applicants retain the right to petition from this requirement under 37 C.F.R. §1.144. Early and favorable action are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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